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Licences for sugar factories

* 969 *Q.*—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state with reference to the answer to question No. 749, dated 13th May 1954 the number of Sugar Mills sanctioned to be opened in the State in 1953 and 1954?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Licences for the establishment of four sugar factories in the Madras State have been granted during 1953 and 1954."

SRI K. ARANGANATHAN :—" சர்க்கரை ஆலைகளை ஏர்படுத்துவதற்குத் தகுந்த நிலையிலிருக்கக்கூடிய ஆலைகள் எவை ? எப்போது வேலை செய்ய ஆரம்பிக்கும்? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM —" Licences have been granted during those two years to the following factories :—

Name of the factory.	*Location of the factory.*	*Daily cane crushing capacity.*
(1)	(2)	(3)
		TONS.
1 Tiruvannamalai Sugar Mills, Limited, Tiruvannamalai.	North Arcot.	400
2 The Cauvery Sugars and Chemicals, Limited.	Tiruchirappalli district.	800
3 East Indian Distilleries and Sugar Factories, Limited, Madras.	Kolianur, South Acot.	800
4 Tiru Arooran Sugar Mills, Limited, Madras.	Tanjore district.	1,000

SRI K. ARANGANATHAN :—" Sir, the second part of my question has not been answered by the Hon. Minister. I request him to inform the House, when these sugar factories will start production . . ."

MR. SPEAKER :—" If it is not answered, the hon. Member is at liberty to give notice of a fresh question."

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I will answer it now. (Laughter.) Except the Tiruvannamalai Sugar Mills, Limited, the other three mills are setting about establishing factories. I do not have the exact information when they will be able to start production."

Minor Irrigation tanks in South Arcot

* 970 *Q.*—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the
9-20 a.m. Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of minor irrigation tanks in South Arcot; and

(*b*) the number of minor irrigation tanks to which general repairs have not been done during the past 12 years?

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THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" (a) There are 2,311 Minor Irrigation tanks in South Arcot district.

" (b) General repairs have not been done in respect of 961 tanks during the past 12 years."

SRI K. ARANGANATHAN :—" தென்னூற்காடு ஒரு உயர்ந்த பிரதேசம் என்பது அரசாங்கத்திற்குத் தெரியும். மைனர் இர்ரிகேஷன் குளங்களை அரசாங்கம் கவனித்து மராமத்து செய்யவில்லை என்று கனம் மந்திரி அவர்கள் கொடுத்த பதிலிலிருந்து தெரிகிறது. இதற்கு விசேஷமான இலாகாவை அமைத்து அதிகப்படியான அதிகாரிகளை நியமித்து வருகிற ஆண்டில் தகுந்த ரிப்பேர்களைச் செய்வதற்கு அரசாங்கம் முன் வருமா ?"

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" That is why the Government have now proposed to implement a sort of Five-Year Plan to attend to repairs of tanks, clearance of channels and to enforce kudimaramath."

SRI S. THINAKARASAMI THEVAR :—" Sir, may I know from the Hon. Minister whether the Government will come forward to give instructions to the Food Production Department to undertake the repairs of those tanks that are left unrepaired."

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" The Food Production Department is also being instructed."

Public meeting at Poonor, North Malabar

* 971 Q.—SRI C. KUNHIRAMA KURUP (on behalf of Sri P. Kunhirama Kidav) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) whether a public meeting held at Poonor, Unnikulam amsom, Kurumbranad taluk, North Malabar, on 2nd December 1954 under the Presidentship of Mr. N. A. Sreedharan, was dispersed by throwing of stones and violence;

(b) whether the Police officials on the spot failed to take necessary steps to avoid the happenings; and

(c) if so, what action the Government have taken against the culprits and the police official who failed to discharge his duty of maintaining law and order?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (a) It is not true to say that the meeting in question had been dispersed by the pelting of stones. It appears that the speakers indulged in unrestricted personal attacks on a local landlord and a shandy contractor. Towards the close of the meeting, a few stones were pelted from the groves nearby, obviously by some miscrepants. This resulted in some confusion. But the Police officers, who were present on the spot succeeded in maintaining peace and order. The meeting continued for some time even after the pelting of stones.

" (b) The answer is in the negative.

" (c) Does not arise."